

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 14-16, 33-40, 49, 50, 55, 56 and 61-65 are pending with claims 1, 6, 11, 33, 37 and 61 being independent. Claim 61 has been amended to recite an arrangement similar to that recited in claim 1 and claim 65 has been amended to correct its dependency. Support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found in the application at, for example, FIG. 1. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-12, 14-16, 33-40, 49, 50, 55 and 56, and the Examiner's indication that claims 62-64 recite allowable subject matter.

Claims 61 and 65 have been rejected as being anticipated by Hirakata (U.S. Patent No. 6,163,055). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Hirakata does not describe or suggest an arrangement in which a substrate is between a diamond-like carbon (DLC) film and a transistor formed over the substrate, as recited in amended claim 61. Rather, as noted in the rejection, Hirakata describes an arrangement in which a transistor is between a substrate and a DLC film. Accordingly, for at least this reason, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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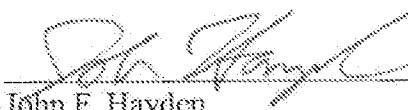
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